

COUNTY COUNCILLOR ROB HUMBY'S REPORT JANUARY 2024

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New County Council Cabinet Portfolios

Adult's Health and Care:

- Executive Lead Member, Cllr Liz Fairhurst; and
- Executive Member, Cllr Jan Warwick

Children's Services:

- Executive Lead Member, Cllr Edward Heron; and
- Executive Member, Cllr Steve Forster

Universal Services:

- Executive Lead Member, Cllr Nick Adams-King; and
- Executive Member, Cllr Russell Oppenheimer

Hampshire 2050 and Corporate Services

- Leader, Cllr Rob Humby; and
- Deputy Leader, Cllr Roz Chadd

HR, Performance, Communications and Inclusion and Diversity

- Executive Member, Cllr Kirsty North

SPREADING COST-OF-LIVING GOODWILL THIS WINTER

Energy-saving kitchen devices such as soup makers, as well as essential household goods, draughtproofing and carpeting will soon be making their way to vulnerable Hampshire households, thanks to the latest round of community grants worth £584,000 allocated from the County Council's share of the national Household Support Fund

[Spreading cost-of-living goodwill this winter | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/spreading-cost-of-living-goodwill-this-winter)

HOUSEHOLD DIY WASTE CHARGES AT HAMPSHIRE HWRCs TO END FROM 1 JANUARY 2024

From 1 January 2024, residents using Hampshire County Council Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) will no longer be charged for disposing their DIY waste – in line with the Government policy changes

[Household DIY waste charges at Hampshire HWRCs to end from 1 January 2024 | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/household-diy-waste-charges-at-hampshire-hwrcs-to-end-from-1-january-2024)

THOUSANDS MORE HAMPSHIRE RESIDENTS BENEFIT FROM FASTER BROADBAND AS 10-YEAR PROGRAMME CONCLUDES

Over 115,000 extra Hampshire households and businesses are now benefitting from faster internet speeds and better internet connectivity thanks to a ten-year, £40m superfast broadband programme in Hampshire. Additionally, over one million metres of fibre optic cable are now in place and 1,200 new network points have been installed in 260 parishes

[Thousands more Hampshire residents benefit from faster broadband as 10-year programme concludes | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/thousands-more-hampshire-residents-benefit-from-faster-broadband-as-10-year-programme-concludes)

GOOD PROGRESS TOWARDS TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE

Hampshire residents and communities are making a significant difference in the drive to tackle climate change, by taking part in Hampshire County Council backed community initiatives and making changes in their own homes and lifestyle choices

[Good progress towards tackling Climate Change | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/good-progress-towards-tackling-climate-change)

HAMPSHIRE'S ONGOING COMMITMENT TO UKRAINE

Hampshire County Council has confirmed that payments to local residents hosting Ukrainian nationals as part of the Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme will continue for a third year, from 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

[Hampshire's ongoing commitment to Ukraine | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk)

KEEPING RESIDENTS SAFE FROM ABUSE – ANNUAL REPORTS HIGHLIGHT PROGRESS

Hampshire County Council's Cabinet has heard about the significant progress being made in keeping vulnerable people safe in the face of increasing numbers of reported safeguarding concerns

[Keeping residents safe from abuse – annual reports highlight progress | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk)

NATURE NEEDS YOU – HELP INFORM HAMPSHIRE'S RECOVERY

Hampshire County Council wants residents, community groups and organisations including businesses, parish councils and others to take part in a survey asking where they would like to see improvements for nature recovery, their views on nature priorities and what action they may be taking locally to help nature in their area

[Nature needs you – help inform Hampshire's recovery | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk)

THE RESULTS ARE IN! YOUNG PEOPLE DECIDE THE NEW FACES OF HAMPSHIRE YOUTH PARLIAMENT FOR 2024-2026

The votes have been counted and verified, and Hampshire Youth Parliament now has seven new Members, and Deputies, for the next two years. In total, more than 5,000 11-18 year olds in Hampshire came forward to vote for their local representatives in the UK Youth Parliament

[The results are in! Young people decide the new faces of Hampshire Youth Parliament for 2024-26 | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk)

LICORICIA OF WINCHESTER – HER STORY UNVEILED

Residents and visitors to Winchester will be better informed about the significance of one of the city's more recently erected statues, thanks to the installation of a permanent information board unveiled, on behalf of The Licoricia Appeal, by the Chairman of Hampshire County Council, Councillor Patricia Stallard

[Licoricia of Winchester – her story unveiled | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/licoricia-of-winchester-her-story-unveiled)

VEG-TASTIC SCHOOL MEALS WIN NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Hampshire County Council's caterer HCS3 has been praised for its efforts to get more primary school pupils to eat their vegetables

[Veg-tastic school meals win national recognition | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/veg-tastic-school-meals-win-national-recognition)

OFSTED INSPECTION BRINGS 'GOOD' NEWS FOR LEARNERS WITH HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Learners and apprentices develop the 'skills to live successfully' thanks to teaching and training programmes provided by Hampshire County Council. This is one of many positive findings following a recent Ofsted inspection of the County Council's 'Hampshire Achieves' service, which has been rated 'Good' overall and in all aspects of its service, including courses to support families and for learners with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)

[Ofsted inspection brings 'Good' news for learners with Hampshire County Council | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/ofsted-inspection-brings-good-news-for-learners-with-hampshire-county-council)

TWO WEEKS LEFT TO APPLY FOR SEPTEMBER 2024 PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES

Parents with children due to start school or move to a junior school in September 2024 have two weeks left to submit their primary school applications. Monday 15 January is the national deadline for applications for children starting in Reception Year or moving to Year 3 at a junior school in September 2024

[Four weeks left to apply for September 2024 primary school places | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/news/four-weeks-left-to-apply-for-september-2024-primary-school-places)

PREPARATIONS START FOR NEW TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AT NINE LOCATIONS

Plans are progressing for the introduction of new traffic restrictions at nine sites across Hampshire to improve highway safety and reduce congestion

[Preparations start for new traffic enforcement at nine locations | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

COUNTY COUNCIL AGREES SALE OF HAVEN HOUSE TO GENERATE VITAL FUNDS FOR NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE

Investment plans for Titchfield Haven National Nature Reserve have taken a step forward following an agreement by Hampshire County Council to accept an offer for Haven House

[County Council agrees sale of Haven House to generate vital funds for National Nature Reserve | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

CLAMPDOWN CONTINUES ON SALE OF UNDERAGE VAPES BY HAMPSHIRE TRADING STANDARDS

A Hampshire County Council Trading Standards operation has found two shops in Aldershot and Havant area selling vapes illegally to underage buyers

[Clampdown continues on sale of underage vapes by Hampshire Trading Standards | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

Services provided by Hampshire County Council include:

- [Education and Learning](#) including supporting Hampshire schools. (excluding privately run Academy Schools)
- [Services for children and families](#) including adoption and fostering, safeguarding, and support for young people.
- [Maintenance of Hampshire's roads](#) (except motorways and trunk roads which are the responsibility of National Highways), [licensing](#) for providers who need to work on the highway, and support for operators of [public transport](#).
- [Planning](#) applications for mineral extraction, waste management and public buildings.
- Provision of [social care and health](#) in Hampshire.
- The [Hampshire Library Service](#).
- The [Countryside Service](#), looking after [rights of way](#), and many of the county's [important green spaces](#)
- [Household Waste Recycling Centres](#) where residents can dispose of unwanted items. (District, borough or city councils manage kerbside household waste collections)
- [Trading Standards](#), ensuring fair trading in Hampshire, by supporting the county's businesses and protecting Hampshire consumers.

District, borough and city councils

District, borough and city councils provide services such as:

- Household waste collection
- Domestic planning applications
- Council Tax collection
- Housing

[Find your local district or borough council](#)

Parish, community and town councils

These councils operate at a level below district and borough councils and in some cases, unitary authorities.

They are elected and can help on a number of local issues, like providing:

- allotments
- public clocks
- bus shelters
- community centres
- play areas and play equipment
- grants to help local organisations
- consultation on neighbourhood planning